

To Whom it May Concern:

I am appalled to hear that Indiana Telephone Privacy laws could be preempted by a national standard that is lower than the state one. I understand that this preemption will weaken the way Indiana's "no-call" list works, and I am outraged about it.

This year I had my name added to Indiana's "no-call" list because I was being harassed by telemarketers every single day. I work until late at night most days and I don't want to be waken up by telemarketers in the morning. Before I had my name put in the "no-call" list I was receiving up to three calls in a single morning, starting at 8am and sometimes earlier, which would make it impossible for me to sleep properly. I do not want to disconnect the phone when I sleep because I want my family, friends, and colleagues at work to be able to call me whenever they need to. After my name was added to the "no-call" list I can sleep in peace and my family, friends, and colleagues can easily reach me.

I am not interested in anything telemarketers have to offer. I have never bought anything they have offered. My phone is an important private communication tool, not a public marketing device. I am not interested in marketing calls, even if they come from companies I do or have done business with. If I want information on products or services from these companies I will be the one calling them, not the other way around. If telemarketers want to use my phone to do sale pitches for things I am not interested on (and I am not interested in anything they can possibly offer now or in the future), they should be the ones paying for my phone bill.

This government talks a lot about returning power to the states, so it should start putting its money where its mouth is and stop trying to weaken the states' privacy or any other consumer protection laws.

Thank you,

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